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Boeing 377 Stratocruiser

A supplemental carrier, Transocean was born in 1946, and at its peak had 6500 employees. Fourteen luxurious double-decked Stratocruisers were purchased used from BOAC to fly the carrier's transcontinental and Pacific routes. Only eight were actually placed into service, with the balance grounded for spare parts. Transocean went bankrupt on July 11, 1960, and the entire Stratocruiser fleet was sold at auction for a mere $150,000. The majority of the remains eventually went to Aero Space Lines, for use in modification of 377s to "Pregnant Guppy" oversized freighters.

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